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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-176

Purpose: To distribute updated RUSLE2 soils files.

Background: New RUSLE 2 soils files have been generated for several counties. The changes for some counties are a result of soil survey and legend updates. Others were due to incorrect sand, silt, and clay values. Finally, a default "K" value for muck soils has been added so that the Soil Conditioning Index can be calculated. The new soils records will be distributed in one "zip" file name "Tech Guide Notice 179.piz".

Action: Save the attached file to the RUSLE 2 dedicated folder on the Service Center "S" drive. Using windows explorer right click on the file name, select "Rename". Replace the "piz" extension with "zip". The next step will be to "unzip" the file. Right click on the file name. A pull down menu will appear. Run the cursor down the pull down menu and stop at "WinZip". Another pull down menu will appear. Select "Extract to Here" using a single left click. The computer will extract all of the county files. There will be a total of 53 files. Only the files that pertain to the county or adjacent county served by the field office should be retained. All others should be deleted.

After the files have been extracted, select the applicable soils files and copy to the C:\Program Files\USDA\Rusle2\Import folder. Open RUSLE 2 and follow the second set of instructions attached. Contact the appropriate Area specialist if further assistance is required.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy J. Phalen".

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Enclosures

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